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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 09/974,676 :  
FILED: OCTOBER 10, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2161  
FOR: INFORMATION PROCESSING :  
APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND  
PROGRAM STORING MEDIUM WITH  
CONTROLLABLE BIT RATE FEATURES

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of April 20, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.